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Letter dated 5 February 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I should like to express my Government's sincere appreciation for the most timely high-level meeting of the Security Council with the Presidency of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) on 9 February 2001 to discuss the issue of the "force d'interposition" that could be deployed in the border areas of Guinea and Liberia.

The deteriorating security situation along the borders of Guinea and Liberia, characterized by armed cross-border incursions, deserves our full attention. The Federal Government is especially concerned by the deteriorating humanitarian situation of refugees and of the Guinean population in areas where armed hostilities prevent international aid agencies from distributing relief supplies.

The Federal Government is looking forward to contributing to the efforts of the Security Council, ECOWAS and other Member States to maintain international peace and security in the region.

I should like to inform you that Germany has already donated 10 satellite telephones, worth DM 50,000, to ECOWAS, and is currently considering making available an amount of up to DM 500,000 to the Community for support of activities such as air-lifts and/or purchase of civilian equipment.

I should like to ask you that the present letter be distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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